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7 end of the cutting member secured to the cutting head, the length of the cutting
8 member positioned about the first set of returns and the second set of returns in a
9 serpentine configuration, a leg of the cutting member extending across an aperture
10 formed through the cutting head and the second end of the cutting member secured
11 to the cutting head; and
12 a cutting member tensioning device disposed between and adjustably
13 engaging the first head member and second head member for adjusting a distance
14 between the first set of returns and the second set of returns and tensioning the
15 cutting member.

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1 2. (Twice Amended) The cutting head assembly of Claim 1 wherein the
2 cutting member tensioning device further comprises one or more cutting member
3 tensioning screws disposed between and threadedly engaging the first head
4 member and second head member for adjusting a distance between the first set of
5 returns and the second set of returns for tensioning the cutting member.

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1 4. (Amended) The cutting head assembly of Claim 1 wherein the first set
2 of returns and the second set of returns each further comprise a bearing face lying
3 in a plane substantially perpendicular to a longitudinal axis of the leg of the cutting
4 member extending across an aperture formed through the cutting head.

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1 6. (Amended) The cutting assembly of Claim 1 wherein the cutting
2 member tensioning device further comprises a screw including a longitudinal axis,
3 the longitudinal axis of the screw oriented along a plane substantially parallel to a
4 longitudinal axis of the leg of the cutting member extending across an aperture
5 formed through the cutting head, the screw adjustably attaching the first set of
6 returns and the second set of returns for adjusting a distance between the first set of
7 returns and the second set of returns for tensioning the cutting member along a
8 plane substantially parallel to the longitudinal axis of the screw.

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1 7. (Twice Amended) The cutting head assembly of Claim 1 wherein the
2 cutting member tensioning device further comprises a pair of screws, each of the
3 pair of screws including a longitudinal axis, the longitudinal axis of each of the pair of
4 screws oriented along a plane substantially parallel to a longitudinal axis of the leg
5 of the cutting member extending across an aperture formed through the cutting
6 head, and each of the pair of screws adjustably attaching the first set of returns and
7 the second set of returns for adjusting a distance between the first set of returns and
8 the second set of returns for tensioning the cutting member along a plane
9 substantially parallel to the longitudinal axis of each of the pair of screws.

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1 (Third Amendment) A cutting head assembly comprising:
2 a cutting head including a first head member including a first set of returns,
3 the first head member opposingly and adjustably connected to a second head
4 member including a second set of returns;
5 a tensioned blade formed of a strip of material including a first end, a second
6 end, a length, a longitudinal axis and a width, the tensioned blade positioned about
7 the first set of returns and the second set of returns in a serpentine configuration, a
8 leg of the tensioned blade extending across an aperture formed through the cutting
9 head, the first end of the tensioned blade secured to the cutting head by a first end
10 securing member and the second end of the tensioned blade secured to the cutting
11 head at a second end securing member;
12 the first set of returns each including a face that is oriented substantially
13 perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the tensioned blade for exerting a
14 substantially equal tensile force across a full width of the tensioned blade,
15 substantially reducing stress risers in the tensioned blade;
16 the second set of returns each including a face that is oriented substantially
17 perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the tensioned blade for exerting a tensile
18 force across a full width of the tensioned blade, substantially reducing stress risers
19 in the tensioned blade; and
20 a tensioning device including one or more screws disposed between and
21 adjustably engaging the first head member and second head member, each of the